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**ABSTRACT:**

**PURPOSE:** To obtain a builder comprising a water-soluble, high-grafting-ratio graft polymer produced by grafting a large amount of a monoethylenically unsaturated monomer based on (meth)acrylic acid onto a polyether and to provide a detergent composition containing said builder.

CONSTITUTION: A builder containing a water-soluble graft polymer obtained by grafting at least 25wt.%, based on the polyether compound (A), monomer component (B) comprising 40-100mol% (meth) acrylic acid (b1) and 0-60mol% other ethylenically unsaturated comonomers (b2) onto a polyether compound comprising at least 80mol% repeating units derived from ethylene oxide at a temperature of 100°C or higher in the presence of a polymerization initiator in the absence of any solvent; and a detergent composition containing said builder and a surfactant are provided.

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